

## STIFF PROBLEM

Of the Philippine Situation That Must be Solved.

## RESISTANCE NOT CONFINED

To the Island of Luzon Alone—Small Forces of United States Troops to Cope With a Formidable Enemy. Many More Reinforcements Needed to put Down Aguinaldo's Insolent Rebellion.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR:—The people of this country have been led to suppose that the war in the Philippines was confined to the island of Luzon, and that armed resistance to the authority of the United States did not exist in other islands of the archipelago, but that the natives of those islands were friendly to Americans, and ready to accept any sort of government that might be offered to them. The truth is this condition does not exist, and while actual hostilities are suspended in such localities, the inhabitants are far from being pacified, and wherever we have occupied an island outside of Luzon we find a hostile population and organized military forces to oppose our occupation.

It is true that the principal army of the insurgents is concentrated in the neighborhood of Manila on the island of Luzon, and in the event of its defeat or dispersion a continuation of the war on other islands may be rendered impossible, but at the present time a detachment of our army occupying a position on the island of Panay where a landing was made near Jaro over six months ago, are still confronted by an organized army of natives of overwhelming numbers, and are unable to assume aggressive operations on account of the inadequacy of our force consisting now only of the Eighteenth regiment of regular infantry, and as a result our troops simply hold a line of entrenchments in the outskirts of Jaro, and the natives occupy similar works a few miles distant, where they seem to be content to patiently await the devastating effects of a tropical climate on the health of American soldiers. The depressing effects of such inactivity on the courage and enterprise of our troops is difficult to realize, and this splendid regiment of regulars, whose record in the civil war, and in many hard fought Indian campaigns is unsurpassed in history, is now languishing in the rifle pits of Jaro because the lack of reinforcements renders aggressive operations impracticable.

What is the remedy for this state of affairs? Plainly, it is only to be found in raising an army equal to the task of subjugation, if the policy of the government is to enforce the will of the nation by the arbitrament of arms. The President is authorized by the provisions of the Hull army bill to organize a volunteer force of 35,000 men. He has wisely decided to reinforce the Philippine army to the extent of twelve regiments of infantry that will be prepared to take the field by the time the rainy season is ended and a new campaign inaugurated, but it is a question if even this force will be sufficient to quell the rebellion which it stamped out in Luzon is liable to spread to adjacent islands and drag its slow length along. General Lawton, who is the peer of any officer in or out of the army in fighting savage and uncivilized enemies, and who captured Geronimo and conquered the desperate tribe of Apaches in Arizona a few years ago, has declared that 100,000 men will be required to end the Philippine revolt. Should not the judgment of such experienced officers be accepted as correct, and in the light of such testimony is it not the dictates of wisdom to provide such a force as will end the struggle in a single campaign, and not permit our gallant soldiers to sacrifice their health and lives by a protracted war in the deadly climate of the tropics. If our government and people are not prepared to carry on a war of such magnitude involving as it will an immense expenditure of life and treasure, then it is manifestly the duty of the administration to seek to terminate hostilities and negotiate a peace based on the early recognition of the independence of the Philippines, under adequate guarantees of protection to all American and foreign interests in the archipelago, and satisfactory compensation for the expense of the war, including an indemnity of the sum paid to Spain for relinquishing her sovereignty over the islands.

Reduced to a simple proposition the American government must conquer in the Philippines either by waging a relentless war, or by exercising the arts of diplomacy and extending to our late allies and present foes the right hand of fellowship with the assurance that the immortal principles of our declaration of independence shall not be withheld from them, and it is the function of our wise and patriotic President, his cabinet officers and the senators and representatives in Congress whose judgment is valued by the executive, to determine which of these policies is best adapted to promote the welfare of all our people. It is a criminal error to misrepresent the actual military and political situation in the Philippines, and by resorting to methods for suppressing the truth we simply

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imitate the vain glorious bombast and ridiculous effrontery of the Spanish officials who like General Blanco daily fulminated bulletins announcing the pacification of the island of Cuba for the satisfaction of the Spanish cabinet and the gross deception of the Spanish people. That the present situation in our newly acquired colony is serious if not critical, and calls for profound consideration by the President and his advisers is evidenced by the statements of reliable war correspondents who on being relieved from the restrictions of military censorship, now unite in publishing views giving a glimpse of the true situation, and also from numerous private letters written by army officers to their friends at home with a careful admonition not to publish their views as any criticisms indulged by them is a violation of military etiquette as well as contrary to the rules and regulations necessary for the preservation of army discipline.

Believing that the public want to know the truth concerning affairs in the Philippines I disregard the prohibition of one of my correspondents stationed there, and publish an extract from the letter of one of the most efficient and patriotic officers in the regular army, and I hope its perusal will satisfy your readers that it is not only the island of Luzon that is in open rebellion, but the insurrection does extend to other islands which the American troops have attempted to occupy and possess, but on account of the paucity of our forces have been compelled to desist from engaging in active operations against the enemy, and settle down in the water soaked rifle pits to await the action of their government in sending them adequate relief. Appended is the letter to which I refer.

Wheeling, July 20, 1899.

JARO, Island of Panay, P. I.

May 18, 1899.

DEAR FRIEND:—You ask my opinion of the military situation here. I think it will require a long time to restore peace and quiet in these islands. May is our hottest month and the sun with the moist climate and dull leaden skies seems unendurable and sickening to our unacclimated troops. The wet season has about commenced with us, it is a little early, though the same climatic conditions do not exist in any two islands. We have lost a great many men around Manila, and our situation there remains about the same. On this island the insurgents are strongly fortified at Santa Barbara, about seven miles from here. I don't think they will leave their entrenchments to attack us, nor have we the force to attack them, nor can any force be spared from Manila at the present time. I know so little of public affairs in the United States, and am so little informed as to the ultimate intention of our government in regard to these islands that I can not well discuss the subject here. My views have undergone no change since I first wrote you last year, though as a soldier I am here to do my duty and defend the flag that is dearer than life to me, though I wish the question could have been settled without so much bloodshed. I do not worry, however, as I have confidence in the American people, and believe all will come out as it should. I hope that all Americans will treat the whole question of expansion in a calm and deliberate manner, and that wisdom may be given our statesmen to handle this important question without prejudice and without partisan contention. We want men of intelligence, wisdom and moderation in the councils of the nation; in fact we need such men now more than ever before in the history of our country, or perhaps may ever need them in our future history. The stupendous importance of the issues involved affecting as they will both our domestic and foreign relations, requires the honest, unselfish and patriotic efforts of our public men who will meet these questions with the courage of their convictions, and preserve us from committing any mistakes in the adoption of our national policy with reference to the inhabitants of these islands. May God who has ever blessed our country, not desert us in this our hour of need, be the devout prayer of your sincere friend.

Why Shouldn't he?

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 20.—Justice Green, in the supreme court, has decided that the commander of the Erie soldiers' home was justified in insisting that an inmate of the home should turn over for his maintenance a portion of his pension money. This is a matter in controversy at several of the soldiers' homes.

Effects of Electrolisis.

CLEVELAND, O., July 19.—The city electrician has just completed an investigation to learn the effects of electrolisis on one street in this city. He finds that forty-two house water connections were eaten off during the past two years and in a few instances the big water mains are badly damaged. The electrolisis is due to the currents from the return wires of the electric railway on the street.

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## POSTAL MATTERS.

Changes in Postoffices, and Routes. Postmasters Appointed. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The site of the postoffice known as Donald, in Nicholas county, has been changed to a point three-fourths of a mile south of previous location, on route 16,528.

Star route service has been established from Albattross, Putnam county, to Fraser's Bottom, five miles and back, three times a week, by a schedule not to exceed one and one-half hours running time, each way, the order to take effect August 1, 1899. The special service between the points named is discontinued.

Ervin S. Baker has been commissioned as postmaster at Sweet Springs, W. Va., a fourth class money order office.

The postoffice known as Tidewater, McDowell county, has been discontinued, and mail addressed there will be sent to Vivian. The site of the office last named has been changed to a point 1,900 feet southwest of former location.

Franklin R. Gibson has been commissioned postmaster at Shelley, W. Va. William A. McDonald has been commissioned as postmaster at Enterprise, W. Va.

Among the star route changes, an order permitting postmasters at Serena and Yankee Dam, W. Va., respectively, terminal points on route 16,548, to dispatch one-half hour in advance of schedule time, provided no connections are broken and no complaint is made.

Route 16,728 will hereafter supply Pear postoffice both ways, between terminal, without change in distance.

The following changes have been made in star schedules: Route 16,761, Manheim to Rowlesburg. Leave Manheim daily, except Sunday, at 6:45 a. m. and 4:45 p. m.; leave Rowlesburg daily, except Sunday, at 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. Route 16,764, Albattross to Fraser's Bottom. Leave Albattross Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1 p. m.; leave Fraser's Bottom Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 4 p. m.

## WEST VIRGINIA PENSIONS.

Two Women Widowed by War With Spain Pleased on the List. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Two West Virginia women, widowed by the war with Spain, have been placed on the pension rolls, each at the rate of \$12 per month. They are the first of that class in the state to receive pensions. Their names and residences are: Alice G. Cooper, Weston, and Mattie Murgidge, Central City.

Sarah Cardwell, Huntington, widow of veteran of the civil war, has been pensioned, also, at the rate of \$8 per month.

West Virginia veterans of civil war have been pensioned, as follows:

Increase—John W. Wheeler, Pruntytown, \$6 to \$8; William B. McBee, Wilkesburg, \$6 to \$8; Joseph Snider, Thornton, \$12 to \$17; Henry Cross, Glen Easton (additional), \$6 to \$8; James B. Johnson, Huntington, \$6 to \$8; William A. W. Zinn, Reedsville, \$17 to \$30.

Other pensions granted are: Thomas C. Buckingham, Scenery Hill, Washington county, Pa., original, \$8; George Bilyon, Monongahela, Washington county, Pa., original, \$8; Henry C. Slusher, Lone Pine, Washington county, Pa., increase, \$16 to \$17; Christopher C. Welsh, Washington, Pa., additional, \$2 to \$12.

## Impure Well Water.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., July 20.—Eight members of the family of S. E. Cox, two miles from the city, are down with typhoid fever, supposed to have contracted the disease from using impure well water. Dr. Lesage will probably have a sample of the water analyzed.

Sheriff Booth, of Wayne county, has arrived with "Toll" Brumfield, from Muncie, Ind. Brumfield is accused of an attempt to wreck a Norfolk & Western train at Shoals.

## Clarksburg Notes.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., July 20.—Richard Pike, a wealthy farmer and coal operator of this city, died this morning of paralysis. He had been sick but a few days.

Benson Tierney, of Upshur county, was arrested here to-day charged with stealing cattle from a Barbour county farmer and trading them off for a horse. The sheriff of Barbour county took him to Philippi for trial.

## Recent Charters Issued.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., July 20.—The Electro-Gas Lighting Company, of Hinton, has received a charter from the secretary of state. It is composed of C. C. Lewis, Jr., F. C. Briscoe, C. B. Coyle and P. R. Thompson, of this city, and R. H. Smith, of Hinton. The subscribed capital is \$500, all paid up, and authorized capital is \$100,000. The company has purchased the use of a city-gas generator patent for the state and will manufacture generators.

## Prominent Fairmonter Dead.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., July 20.—J. F. Swisher, the farm implement dealer of this place, died after a very short illness at Terra Alta. The remains were brought here to-day and funeral services will be held to-morrow from his late residence.

## Ingenuous West Virginians.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Patents have been granted to the following West Virginia inventors: William B. McHenry, Grafton, drying-kiln; George J. Riblet, Jr., Shinnston, lock-lever.

## Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles, has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hammond & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at Logan Drug Co. Every bottle, Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Druggists everywhere guaranteed.

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## SENATOR FAIRBANKS' RETURN

From Alaska Brings Decisive Issue to the Boundary Question.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 20.—The return from Alaska of Senator Fairbanks, head of the American section of the Anglo-American commission, has brought to a decisive issue the future of this body, not only as it relates to the Alaskan boundary, but the entire scope of its work.

Following extended conferences between Mr. Fairbanks and Secretary Hay as well as with the President, dispatches have been exchanged between the British and Canadian authorities and those in Washington which are serving to clear up the doubt and confusion which has thus far existed. Already it is assured practically beyond a doubt that the commission will not resume its sessions at Quebec on the 2d of next month, to which time it had adjourned, but that its reassembling will be in the late fall if the negotiations reach such a stage that the continuance of the work of the commission seems desirable. Thus far the boundary question appears to be the great stumbling block. This lack of agreement has continued so long that those in a position to judge the situation intelligently, while they have not despaired of an adjustment, frankly admit that the negotiations continue to be in a critical state. When seen to-day, Mr. Fairbanks would not discuss the future of the commission, or any of the international phases of the subject.

The senator had another conference with Secretary Hay this morning, and also called at the war department. It is understood that a further talk on the Alaskan question will occur at the white house this afternoon, and that as a result of this and the numerous exchanges which are occurring with the British and Canadian parties in interest a definite conclusion on most of the points involved will be reached very soon.

## GERMANY'S POSSESSIONS

In China. Sort of a White Elephant. Many Disturbances.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 20.—According to Japanese advices Germany finds Kiaochow a disturbing possession. Late in June a thousand Chinese in the vicinity of Kiaochow assembled, and having armed themselves, destroyed the railroad. The rioters came into conflict with German troops. Nine Chinese were killed.

Hildebrand, an engineer and two surveyors, engaged on the railway, have been carried off by Chinese from Kiaochow.

Mr. Otani, chairman of Japan's central board of tea guilds, has decided to visit America next month to protest against the continuance of the tax on tea.

Near Tokio, July 1, a train was overturned and twenty-four passengers were injured.

At Canton a junk foundered in a storm and sixty women and children were drowned.

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## Germans Highly Pleased.

BERLIN, July 20.—The Cologne Gazette's Apia correspondent cables that Germans there are highly pleased over the successes achieved by Baron Speck von Sternburg, the German member of the Samoan commission, against the opposition of the commissioner of Great Britain, Mr. Elliot. The German commissioner, the dispatch adds, alluded to the demand of the United States commissioner, Mr. Bartlett Tripp, for the confirmation of Chief Justice Chambers' decision merely as a matter of form and in order to preserve the valuable American friendship.

Germany's influence with the natives, according to the Cologne Gazette's dispatch, is stronger than ever. It is added that the Samoans demand special privileges for Mataafa.

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